

Cultural Competence

Cultural competence is a mindset and accompanying behaviors that reflect a critical consciousness of and regard for the assets, insights, funds of knowledge, experiences, and perspectives of diverse people. Cultural competence involves the ability to engage in effective cross-cultural interactions, in various contexts, for the mutual benefit of all.

Cultural Responsiveness

Cultural responsiveness is the intentional and consistent implementation of policies and practices that facilitate and ensure equity of access, decision-making, and outcomes for culturally diverse people within an organization or system.

Culturally Responsive Instruction

Culturally responsive instruction is the art of deliberately, strategically incorporating the assets, interests, strengths and lived experiences of diverse learners into curriculum, instruction and assessment practices. Culturally responsive instruction reflects a pedagogical disposition that transcends the classroom to engage families and the community so that all students meet high standards for learning and achievement.